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More stars Party on the Pitch



Scouting For Girls and The Saturdays will join Alexandra Burke at Party on the Pitch on Saturday 19 May

Indie pop band Scouting For Girls and girl group The Saturdays are the latest additions to Waltham Forest Council's Party on the Pitch, happening at Leyton Orient Stadium on Saturday 19 May.

Scouting For Girls have been nominated for both Brit and Ivor Novello awards, have sold over 1.2 million albums and 1.5 million singles worldwide, scored a UK number one with their album in 2008 and with their hit single 'This Ain't a Love Song' in 2010.

Platinum-selling girl group The Saturdays have dominated the airwaves with a string of top ten singles and kept us glued to the telly with their own TV show. Now they're set to play Party on the Pitch and you can be sure they'll have residents going gaga for their perfect pop hits.

Both bands join UK pop megastar Alexandra Burke for the fantastic concert.

With four number ones and millions of sales to her name, the 2008 X Factor winner has more than got what it takes to get Leyton Orient Stadium dancing.

The Big 6 events are helping local people celebrate the



Alexandra Burke, Scouting For Girls and The Saturdays will all Party on the Pitch

Olympic Year, and Party on the Pitch is shaping up to be a real show-stopper.

It is the third of the Council's Big 6 - a series of six free high-quality events hosted across the borough to help residents celebrate the Olympic Year and say 'thank you' for their patience during the disruption of Games

Time. The events are being funded entirely by one-off funding opportunities generated by the 2012 Games.

You can apply for tickets for Party on the Pitch until 12noon on Wednesday 4 April. Tickets will be completely free for anyone living in Waltham Forest and will be allocated by random ballot.

More info

To register for tickets and updates visit www.walthamforestbig6.co.uk. You can apply for tickets until 12noon on Wednesday 4 April and a second ballot will take place on Thursday 26 April.

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In my opinion

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Resident, Walthamstow



Someone once said to me that Facebook is useful for keeping in touch with people who you don't really want to meet, and Twitter is for meeting those that you do.

Social networking is sometimes said to have a disruptive influence on physical

social interaction, distancing people from their local communities and even leading to antisocial or riotous behaviour. My experience of Twitter, however, has been quite the reverse.

One of the most useful things about Twitter is that it can give users direct contact with organisations and other people in their local area. You can hear about things happening locally, discuss it with others and then get involved, all using short messages of 140 characters and links to pages on the internet.

I think it's the public, open nature of Twitter that allows discussion and enables it to act as a public forum, as well as a virtual noticeboard. The beauty of the system is that it allows direct connection and communication between all users.

There might be people who live a few streets away from each other, who might have been sitting at home watching the TV, working alone, or travelling to socialise in other parts of London, who all of a sudden find people who live in their neighbourhood that they have things in common with. They might simply have a shared interest in their local area, care about it, and find that together they can form a community and support local companies, campaigns, initiatives and events.

So how is Twitter useful for me as a Walthamstow resident? One of the first prolific local users of Twitter that I found was Walthamstow Scene (@stowscene), and then pubs such as the Rose and Crown (@roseandcrownpub), cafes like Le Delice (@ledelicee17) and community hubs like The Mill at Coppermill Lane (@themille17), galleries like the Tokarska Gallery (@tokarskagallery) or the friends of William Morris Gallery (@friendsofwmorris).

The EMD cinema campaign has been strongly represented (@saveourcinema) as is the E17 art trail (@e17arttrail) and recently developing or new initiatives like the market at Wood Street (@woodstmarket) and the rejuvenated Walthamstow Market (@walthamstowmrkt). The Big 6 events can also be followed (@Thebig6events).

Most significant for me though is how Twitter has been great for meeting other people in the neighbourhood, people who have become friends and who care about the place we live and want to make it better. #awesomestow

Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at: walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk and tell us what you'd like to write about.



Fazer, Ms Dynamite, Devlin and Skepta will appear with the BBC Symphony Orchestra at Urban Classic

Urban Classic

- Urban Classic will feature UK Urban stars along with the BBC Symphony Orchestra
- Concert on Thursday 5 July takes place against the backdrop of Waltham Forest Town Hall

Walthamstow will host a musical extravaganza on Thursday 5 July when the modern urban styles of Fazer, Ms Dynamite, Devlin and Skepta collide with the world-renowned BBC Symphony Orchestra for Urban Classic.

Part of Waltham Forest's Big 6 celebrations, the event comes hot on the heels of a sold-out show at the Barbican on 3 March where almost 2,000 music-lovers were wowed by this year's groundbreaking spectacle. The Barbican concert was broadcast live on BBC Radio 1 and 1 Xtra. The Waltham

Forest event will be ticketed but 100 per cent free and will see the borough's historic art deco Town Hall serve as backdrop for an evening of truly incredible entertainment.

Conducted by Jules Buckley, the BBC Symphony Orchestra will perform new arrangements by Jason Yarde and Ayanna Witter-Johnson along with orchestral pieces. The new arrangements feature breakthrough anthems, top hits and exciting new material from multiple Brit and MOBO Award-winner Ms Dynamite, N-Dubz producer Fazer, 'baby of the Grime scene' Devlin and London MC Skepta. The

four artists will also collaborate and perform together.

Urban Classic promises to be a really exciting event, bringing together top musicians whose paths might not ordinarily cross and exposes fans of both classical and urban music to different styles and possibilities.

Tickets are available from 2 April. Conductor Jules Buckley told Waltham Forest News: "I always enjoy the challenge of bringing different musical worlds together, and Urban Classic is going to be a highlight of 2012 for me. I can't wait for the talents of these four exciting artists

to come together with the BBC Symphony Orchestra in Waltham Forest."

Urban Classic, a CREATE commission, will be hosted by Waltham Forest Council. Produced by Serious and Bigga Fish in partnership with the Barbican and the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

More info

You can apply for tickets from Monday 2 April and sign up for updates at www.walthamforestbig6.co.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Waltham Forest News

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Walthamstow Market makeover

- Changes to market will make it a better place to shop
- New stalls, improvements to cleanliness and stall layout planned



A new look market will help attract more shoppers.

The Council is making Walthamstow Market an even better shopping experience by introducing new types of stalls, improvements to the layout, new canopies for stalls and enhancements to cleanliness.

The changes are being

made to try and encourage a wider array of stallholders to trade in the market and enhance the offer of Walthamstow as a place to shop.

The new-look market will be launching on Saturday 31 March with live entertainment between 11am and 3pm at

the St James Street end of the market where the new stalls will be. Sixty new stalls including craft, vintage, fashion and grocery stalls were chosen from over 130 applications.

The new layout will make it easier for pedestrians to cross from one side of the street to the other and each stall will have new awnings and clear back covers to create a uniform look and allow better visibility of shops along the High Street.

As well as smartening up the look of the stalls and the feel of the market, the Council has also been working hard to improve cleanliness. The introduction of better ways for traders to dispose of their rubbish and recycling has meant that we now recycle around 10 tonnes a week, compared to nothing six months ago.

Walthamstow Market is a real asset to the borough.

It's over 125 years old and is often cited as the longest outdoor street market in Europe, so the Council wants to make the most of it and make sure it both meets the needs of local people and becomes a destination for those visiting the borough.

The investment comes as part of an overall package of investment in various regeneration projects throughout the borough totalling £23 million. The Council's ultimate aim is to create a better place to live, providing residents with better streets, better shopping and a better array of leisure opportunities.

More info

- For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/walthamstow-market
- Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

A royal visit

Waltham Forest is busy preparing itself for some very special guests on Thursday 29 March, when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh pay the borough a visit.



Her Majesty and His Royal Highness are visiting the borough as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Tour, which begins in north London before travelling to other parts of the country.

The tour is part of an array of celebrations marking the Queen's 60-year reign.

To help celebrate the occasion and offer the warmest possible Waltham Forest welcome more than 2,000 schoolchildren and senior citizens have been invited to attend on the day.

The Royal couple will attend a luncheon at the Town Hall, but further details are currently under wraps.

"We're honoured to have been included as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations," Chris Robbins, Leader of Waltham Forest Council, told WFN.

"I'm sure many residents will be out in force to welcome the Queen to the

borough and to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee."

Earlier in the year the Council announced that local neighbourhoods would be getting up to £5,000 each to celebrate either the 2012 Games or the Diamond Jubilee. Funding will be available via Community Ward Forums while the Council helps by organising road closures and insurance.

More info

- For more information on how to get involved with your local Community Ward Forum phone **020 8496 3000** or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-ward-forums

In brief

New reception for Housing

From 2 April Ascham Homes' reception, currently located at Willow House on Forest Road, will close and a new Customer Services Centre will open at Cedar Wood House, 2D Fulbourne Road, E17. This move will make life easier for residents, providing one reception point for all housing requests including housing management services, homelessness advice, assessment and allocations, sheltered housing and hostels. The move is just one of the benefits of the new modern ALMO agreement between the Council and Ascham Homes. It comes into force on the same day that Ascham Homes have appointed a new contractor, Osborne, to handle repairs and maintenance and a consortium led by Aston Heating to carry out mechanical and electrical services.

- For more housing information and advice visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/housing



Ascham Homes survey

Ascham Homes is carrying out a survey among tenants in March and April. The aim is to find out what people think of their services, and whether they are getting better. If you get a survey through your door please fill it in, as the results of the survey will help Ascham Homes and the Council plan for the future and spend money on the things that you think are most important. Help filling in the form will be available from Ascham Homes, should you need it. Results of the survey will be published and Ascham Homes will let tenants and leaseholders know the results of the survey – and how they intend to act on them – at a later date.

- For more information about Ascham Homes visit www.aschamhomes.org.uk

Standards job role

The Council is looking for an independent person to help maintain and promote high standards of conduct among its councillors. This important new role will involve being consulted when the Council is making decisions about councillors' conduct. The Council is looking to fill the post by July and is inviting applications from anyone who has the necessary skills. The qualities being sought include an ability to act independently and to give advice based on evidence and not political or other motivations. You will also need to be able to understand complex issues quickly and to attend and participate in committee meetings as and when required.

- For further details see the full advert on page 11 and download an information pack via the link. The closing date for applications is Monday 2 April.



Residents have told the Council that better streets, better shopping and better leisure opportunities are among their key priorities.

Creating a better borough

Waltham Forest Council has five key priorities to help improve the lives of residents. In this edition we look at what is being done to regenerate our borough.

The Council's plans to regenerate Waltham Forest centre on three key areas: giving residents better streets; better shopping and better leisure opportunities.

First and foremost, the focus is on making day-to-day life better for residents. You've told us what you want is reasonable enough: the perks and options offered by any modern town centre.

By achieving these core aims, we hope not just to make Waltham Forest a better place for you, but also bring in business and encourage more residents to lay down roots. Some of these aims can be achieved by the Council itself, while others will need a less direct approach.

Here are some examples of what the Council is doing to make its regeneration plans a reality.

Neighbourhood planning

As part of a national drive, Waltham Forest will be piloting two new schemes in Highams Park and Leytonstone which aim to give local people more say on planning policies in their neighbourhoods.

This could mean influencing the look and feel of the place and setting out policies as to where new homes, shops and businesses should be located. This process begins when 21 or more residents form a Neighbourhood Forum which then consults with local residents on its plans. The Council received Government funding to kickstart two schemes, and a meeting of the Highams Park Forum took place earlier in the month to discuss the matter. Watch this space for further updates.

Looking good

Making the borough's streets and shopfronts easier on the eye makes sense on a number of levels. First and foremost, a better looking high street makes for a neighbourhood we can all be proud of. Beyond being aesthetically pleasing, however, it can also have a knock-on effect: if a place looks smarter and brighter, it's more likely to draw in more shoppers and more businesses and ultimately make an area more prosperous.

While many residents and businesses showcase outstanding civic pride – see the Love Your Borough Awards for proof – the Council has also tried to help things along with its shopfronts scheme. This is most clearly in evidence in Leyton, where 16 businesses have had their

windows, shutters, awnings and facades improved with Council assistance. Plans are also afoot for similar work in Walthamstow, Wood Street, Blackhorse Road, and the Council is also starting to look at what can be done elsewhere. All of this, of course, goes hand in hand with improvements to streets and pavements.

Shopping around

High on residents 'want list' is having a wider variety of shops and stores to choose from. As such, a lot of work is being done behind the scenes to try to improve what our town centres have to offer. Two major developments are already underway in the heart of Walthamstow, and, on a smaller scale, the Council is also working to improve Walthamstow Market (see page 3 for more details) and

support traders at Wood Street Indoor Market (more information on page 7).

In another move to improve trade, the Council has implemented a new scheme whereby shoppers can stop off in parts of Chingford for 15 minutes without having to buy a parking voucher: perfect for stopping off for a pint of milk on your way home from work or picking up a box of tea bags while you do the morning school run.

More to do

While improvements to your local shops and streets are a key priority, we also know that leisure time, too, is important, and that's why it features so prominently in our regeneration plans.

In the last edition of Waltham Forest News we told you about major plans for the borough's leisure centres, five of which

will be overhauled while the Pool and Track is completely rebuilt. The refurbished William Morris Gallery is set to be open before the 2012 Games, as is nearby Lloyd Park. Elsewhere, a new park is being constructed in the Blackhorse Lane area as part of regeneration plans.

In the longer term the Council is currently waiting to hear whether its Heritage Lottery Fund bid to open up Walthamstow Wetlands is successful in May. If funding is approved, this will reap staggering rewards for residents of all ages.

More info

For more information about the Council's regeneration plans visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace. Free internet access is available in all of the borough's libraries.

What you say

Residents tell Waltham Forest News what they think about the Council's investment in regeneration in the borough.



Maggie Pimm, Leyton



Vaseem Gill, Leytonstone



Rory O'Flanagan, Leyton



Camilla Kocon, Leyton



R.H. Naqvi, Leyton

"I've lived in Leyton for 40 years, so have seen the impact of the changes. I think we need more shops and less fast food places. There are far too many of those already. I also think we need more adequate housing in the area."

"I'd like to see more money spent on the High Streets. Where they have painted the walls and smartened up the shop fronts on Leyton High Road it looks good, but they could do some more. It wouldn't be a huge expense."

"I think things are pretty good to be honest. Obviously if you want the really big shops Westfield is right on our doorstep, but it's good the Council is looking to do a bit of work with Walthamstow Market too."

"I think the money being spent on regeneration is a good thing. More shops, more leisure facilities – these things are good for the area, and I really like the improvements to the pavements on the High Road."

"There are some good shops that I think have been helped by the improvements. I also think the market is good. Perhaps the Council should also look at improving housing and a new community centre too."



Walthamstow Market is changing

There have been some major works to Walthamstow Market over the last few months and the new look Walthamstow Market will be launching on **Saturday 31 March** featuring **"Saturday at St James Street"** at the bottom end of the High Street. The new look market will include a variety of new stalls:

- Craft stalls
- Vintage stalls
- New fashion stalls
- Upcycling stalls (including Waltham Forest Recycling)

- Grocery stalls (such as olive oil, cheese, meat, pastries, chocolate and Halal sweets)
- Street food stalls (including Caribbean, Asian, Indian and South American foods)

The launch on Saturday 31 March, 11am - 3pm, will showcase the new stalls, and there will be live entertainment for everyone to enjoy.

The new look market is part of our work to improve shopping facilities in the borough and create a better place for our residents.

For more information phone **020 8496 3000** or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/walthamstow-market



In brief

Art from waste

The worlds of waste disposal and art rarely collide, but that's exactly what happened when the North London Waste Authority helped London artist David Hall with his new commission. David is a pioneer of video art in Britain and his exhibition '1001 TV Sets (End Piece)' has been put together with the help of hundreds of old and unwanted cathode ray tube TV sets supplied by North London Councils, including Waltham Forest. The exhibition fills the University of Westminster's massive Ambika P3 subterranean exhibition space, and heralds the end of analogue TV in the UK as London finally switches to digital television on 18 April.

- For more information about the exhibition (which runs until 22 April) visit www.p3exhibitions.com



Spring Clean

Last year 50 tonnes of rubbish was removed, extensive amounts of graffiti was cleaned away and 500 plants were planted as part of the Council's Spring Clean programme. Waltham Forest residents turned out in force and demonstrated their community spirit, working alongside Council officers to help spruce up their neighbourhoods. In all, 1,500 people took part in 44 Spring Cleans across the borough. This year the Council is looking to make the Spring Clean bigger and better and is inviting all Waltham Forest Residents to come out on the weekend of the 23 to 25 March.

- For more information about how to take part, or organise your own clean up, please email streetcare.client@walthamforest.gov.uk or phone 0208 496 3000 leaving your contact details.

Spring Fayre

Forest Recycling Project is holding a Spring Fayre on Sunday 1 April between 11am and 3pm at The FRP Reuse Centre, 2C Bakers Avenue, Walthamstow, London E17 9AW. The day will include free bike maintenance and advice, a plant give-away, children's craft and wildlife workshops and tips for an eco-friendly spring clean. There will also be arts and crafts market stalls, baked homemade goodies and vintage wear for sale, as well as a 'Get Upcycling!' competition with top prizes worth over £50.

- For more information contact Forest Recycling Project on 020 8539 3856, poppy@frponline.org.uk or visit their website: www.frponline.org.uk



Last year's Love Your Borough award winners

Love Your Borough shortlist

- Local heroes nominated for third annual award ceremony
- Individuals, groups, businesses all recognised for the community work they've done across the borough

More than 200 of you got in touch with us to nominate a local hero who you think has gone out of their way to make Waltham Forest a better place.

It was a tough task, but after much consideration we've finally whittled the 200+ entries we received down to a shortlist of 33 residents, groups and businesses.

The winners will be announced at the third annual Love Your Borough awards on Friday 20 April. Details of the winners and the award ceremony will be published online and in Waltham Forest News after the event.

The shortlisted entries are:

Community Group award

- Waltham Forest Police Cadets
- Hatherley House Residents Association
- St Luke's in the High Street

Citizen of the Year award

- James Purcell
- Dean James Ibrahim
- Mo Gallacio

Young Citizen of the Year award

- Maisie Vollans
- Darnel Sharpe
- Vera Amade
- Edita Buzelyte

Sports Achievement of the Year award

- Box4Life
- Darren Braithwaite
- Legion Wrestling

Emergency Service Hero award

- Police Constable Sally Cockburn
- Police Community Support Office Raheel Ahmed
- Leytonstone Red Watch and White Watch

Arts and Culture award

- Yolanda Guns
- E17 Jazz Collective
- Music in the Village

Best Shop Front award

- Arthur Long Sweet Shop
- Princess

Business Champion award

- Kapil Wadhvani, Wanis Ltd.
- David Cowell, Promo2U
- OrganicLea

Volunteer of the Year award

- Brian Carvell
- Dee Gurfer
- Heather Gower

Improving your Neighbourhood award

- Friends of Stoneydown Park
- Davies Lane Primary School Street Wardens
- Mike Freeman, Friends of Hawkwood Nature Reserve

Best Kept Front Garden award

- Caroline Barton
- Don Mapp
- Mr and Mrs Martin

More info

For more information about the Love Your Borough awards visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/love-your-borough Free internet access is available in all of our libraries.

Bigger, better and indoors

- New businesses give Wood Street Indoor Market a new lease of life
- Council has helped give 20 new 'stalls' reduced rates to set up shop



Anja Jane Sheridan is one of Wood Street Indoor Market's new stallholders

As reported in Waltham Forest News a couple of issues ago, Wood Street Indoor Market has been transformed by Council investment that has seen 20 new businesses move into units.

The refurbishment of Wood Street Indoor Market complements improvements that are taking place to the pavements the length of Wood Street, and the revitalised new Plaza nearby.

The 20 businesses range

from florists to bakers, jewellers to vintage clothes. Each one has been given the opportunity to take an empty unit at

"The market offers such a wide range of choice it attracts all sorts of different people and the new businesses seem to

"I really do think there is something for everyone here now"

reduced introductory rates in order to help get them up and running.

One new stallholder Anja Jane Sheridan who owns Anja Jane told Waltham Forest News that she was delighted to be given the chance to open her business in the market.

"It's a great opportunity to launch a business and so far things are going really well. I am a print designer and sell art works, printed scarves and cards alongside coffee, cakes and healthy salads.

complement the existing stalls. I really do think there is something for everyone here now."

More info

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace For more information on Wood Street Indoor Market visit www.woodstreetmarket.com. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

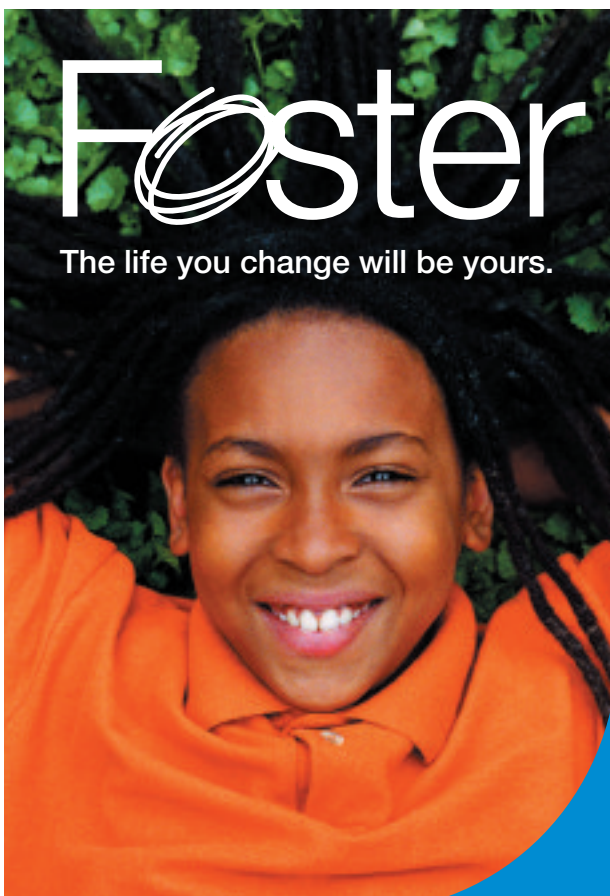
In brief



Young champions wanted

With the multi-million pound makeover of Lloyd Park underway a new project is being launched to encourage young people to get involved. The Lloyd Park Young Champions initiative is open to residents aged 16-24 and promises not just fun but also the chance to boost your CV with skills like event management, fundraising and teamworking. It will be up to the Young Champions to develop projects that will inspire other young people, and these might take the form of sport, media, film or drama events. The group will meet fortnightly from 5.30-7.30pm on the first and third Wednesday of every month and will start this April.

• To get involved or find out more phone 020 8496 3000, ellie.mortimer@walthamforest.gov.uk or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/lloydavelingpark



Foster

The life you change will be yours.

Could you offer love, care and commitment to a child who may have had a difficult start in life? Fostering a child could be one of the most rewarding things you do.

To find out more come along to meet social workers and foster carers at our information session on

Thursday 29 March

at: **Waltham Forest Town Hall**
(Room 3), Forest Road, Walthamstow
E17 4JF (6.30pm-8.30pm)

Call

020 8496 3000

or to speak to the

Fostering Team directly call:

020 8496 1598

(9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

In Waltham Forest we believe that all kinds of people can help make a positive contribution to a child's life. So whatever your culture, race, religion or sexuality we would love to hear from you.

We particularly welcome enquiries from European families and families who would consider caring for sibling groups and children with disabilities, children with challenging behaviour and supportive people who have parenting experience for parent and child placements.

We provide support and training throughout and after the fostering process, as well as on-going training and a fostering allowance.

Alternatively, please e-mail susan.buckman@walthamforest.gov.uk or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adoptandfoster



What's On

Waltham Forest Council
Bringing you the Big 6 events

Party on the Pitch

Your Council is putting on six fantastic free events for residents with something exciting for everyone to enjoy.

Our next event is Party on the Pitch, which takes place on Saturday 19 May at Leyton Orient Football Stadium. Three amazing Top 40 acts have already been confirmed and there are still artists yet to be announced. You can register for tickets until 12noon on Wednesday 4 April, so make sure you register to be in with a chance!

Tickets are 100% free - visit www.walthamforestbig6.co.uk to apply.

Sports and fitness

Eton Manor Athletics Club

Every Thursday, 7.15pm

Marsh Lane, Leyton, E10 7BL
Get into shape with our two free introductory programmes: "Love2Run" sessions for beginners and "Give it a Go!" sessions if you have some experience of running. For more information phone Club Secretary Rachel Brittle on 07931 049 638, email etonmanorac2013@gmail.com, visit www.eton-manor.com or just turn up.

Total Body Toning

Tuesdays, 8-9pm
North Chingford Methodist Church, Station Rd (opposite Budgens)
An uplifting full body resistance workout to tone, strengthen and burn calories. Includes use of weights, Bodybars, Gliding discs, rubber tubing, followed by a floorwork and stretching section. Taught to motivating music. First class FREE, then £25 per month. Please phone Lucilla on 07956 695077 to book your space, email [lucilla@onestopfitness.co.uk](mailto: lucilla@onestopfitness.co.uk) or visit www.onestopfitness.co.uk.

Running for Wellbeing

Wednesdays from 28 March, 10-10.30am
Lloyd Park, Forest Road, E17
Meet at the Brettenham Road entrance, to enjoy a run in the park's green surroundings. Research shows that exercising in green space

improves your mood. So this is for you if you're going through a difficult life event, suffering from low mood or are stressed. Or if you just want to get out of the house or start running. Adults of all ages and abilities welcome, including beginners. No under 18s. If you have a medical condition, you're advised to seek medical advice before starting running. Dress sensibly and wear trainers. For more information phone Ellie Mortimer on 020 8496 3000 email ellie.mortimer@walthamforest.gov.uk or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/lloydavelingpark

Parent and baby yoga class

Mondays, 12.45-1.45pm
Walthamstow Toy Library, Comely Bank Clinic. Yoga for parents and babies from 6 weeks onwards. £40 for a five week course. Please phone Helen on 07939 607853 or email walthamstowvillageyoga@hotmail.co.uk.

Fitness in the Park

Sundays, 8-10am
Abbott Park, Leyton, E10
All ages, all goals, (nearly) all weathers. Motivational, challenging and fun fitness sessions aimed at all members of the community. Guidance and support from a qualified and experienced fitness professional. Motivational texts and emails and reminders to support you and keep you on track. £5 for two hours, first visit 2 for the price of 1. For more details email fitnessinthepark@live.co.uk or phone 07904 320877.



Yoga for pregnancy birth and beyond

Monday and Saturday evenings, Wednesday daytimes
No drop ins, but a seven-week course block. Explore and prepare well for a calm and relaxing birth. Contact Arlene Dunkley-Wood for more details on 07976 903003, email info@yoga4birth.co.uk or visit www.yoga4birth.co.uk

Free hockey taster sessions

Tuesdays, 7-8pm Under 16s
Tuesdays, 8-10pm Ladies
Wednesdays, 8-10pm Men
Walthamstow Academy, Billet

Road, E17 5DP. As part of Give it a Go 2012, Waltham Forest Hockey Club is offering 6 hours of free hockey. Why not try a new sport or rediscover one you once loved. There are sessions suitable for people of every age and ability. Free of charge. Phone Philippa Leguen de Lacroix on 020 8807 0870 or email chair@walthamforesthc.co.uk for more information.

Seated aerobic exercise

Mondays, 10.30-11.30am
Higham Hill Pavillion, Hecham Road E17 5 QT. **Mondays, 4.30-5.30pm**
Larkswood Leisure Centre
Larkswood Leisure Park, New Road Chingford E4 9EY. **Fridays, time TBC.** Langthorne Park Adizone 51 Birch Grove, Leytonstone E11 4YG
Community fit club is seated aerobic exercise aimed at OAPs, people returning to exercise, or people recovering from illness wishing to take part in gentle exercise. Everyone is welcome. There is a £2 entrance fee. For more details phone 07956 552748.

Tell us what's on

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Clubs and community

Spring Green and Spring Clean

Sunday 1 April, 11am-3pm
458 Hoe Street, E17 9AH and 2C Bakers Arms, E17 9AW
Join us for free bike maintenance and advice, a plant give away with Gardening Give or Take, children's craft and wildlife workshops and tips for an eco- friendly spring clean. Also arts and crafts market stalls, baked goodies and vintage wear. Inside Hornbeam cafe there will be advice on using fresh herbs medicinally and delicious lunches, teas, coffees and snacks. FRP will be launching its redesigning furniture competition 'Get Upcycling!', Open for any individual or group to enter with categories for professional and amateur artists' designers, an exhibition at The Mill and a top prizes worth over £50. For more information phone Rachel or Poppy on 020 8558 6880 or 020 8539 3856, email poppy@frponline.org.uk or visit www.frponline.org.uk.

Mind, Body and Spirit evening

Tuesday 17 April

The Bookshop, 135 Station Road, E4 6AG. 'Angels' with Heather Andrews Dobbs. Come and join like-minded people, and listen to interesting speakers. Entry £6, including a £3 voucher to use in the shop any time during the following year. Due to popularity, please phone or email to reserve your place 020 8524 9002, visit www.bookservice.biz or email bev@bookservice.biz



Guffaw Comedy Club

Thursday 5 April, doors 8.30pm show at 9pm.

Ye Olde Rose and Crown Theatre Pub, Hoe Street, Walthamstow
A night of brilliant stand up comedy featuring Tony Law, John Gorrillo and Jessica Fostekew with MC Alaric Dynevor. Tickets are £9 or £8 for concessions and can be bought now from www.wegotickets.com/GuffawComedyClub, or from Alaric on 07971712019. They can also be bought on the door on the night.

Social club for people with learning difficulties

Monday 19 March, 7-9pm
Walthamstow Cricket Club, 48a Greenway Avenue, E17 3QN
New social club for people with learning difficulties, their parents and carers too. Sign up as a regular member, name the club, form a committee, plan future events, listen to music, chat with friends, play games and chill out. Licensed bar available, full wheelchair access and parking facilities. Phone Simon on 020 8509 7243 or e-mail customisedcareservices@btconnect.com

Waltham Forest Blind Club

Every other Thursday, 2-4pm
Methodist Church Hall, Winchester Rd., Highams Park, E4 9JP.
Social activities with sight impaired mature people. Occasional outings and in-house entertainment plus bingo, quiz and raffle. Some support and advice available from helpers. Phone Frank on 020 8529 2186 or Tony on 020 8531 3443.

New and Nearly New Table Top Sale

Sunday 25 March, 10am-12pm

Walthamstow Toy Library and Play Centre, Comely Bank Clinic, E17 9LY
Children's toys and clothes, dvds, handmade local products, and craft packs for kids. Tea, coffee and cakes galore! Adults £1, Children free. Phone 020 8509 3401 or email manager@walthamstowtoylibrary.org

Waltham Forest Blind Association

Tuesdays, 1-4pm
Community Place, 806 Leyton High Road, E10 6AE
Are you visually impaired? Have you got sight loss? Are you looking for support? We are happy to help you and run a drop-in centre every Tuesday. For more information phone Waltham Forest Blind Association on 020 8556 0355, email wfb@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.wf-ba.co.uk

Shoe shining event

Thursday 5 April, from 2pm
Bus terminus, Albert Crescent, South Chingford
Come and have your shoes shined for free to commemorate someone who washed the feet of all his friends during their last meal together.

Tell us what's on

Call 020 8496 3000

Culture and crafts

Image 17 'Taking Part' exhibition

Saturday 24 March to Sunday 16 September.
Leyton Library, Saturday 24 March to Saturday 22 April
North Chingford Library, Saturday 5 May to Sunday 27 May
Leytonstone Library, Saturday 9 June to Sunday 1 July.
Walthamstow Library, Saturday 21 July to Sunday 19 August, then Tuesday 21 August to Sunday 16 September
Image17, a collective of 12 photographers, has created a portfolio of over 144 inspiring images which document 48 different sports groups within the Olympic Borough of Waltham Forest, for a touring exhibition called 'Taking Part'.
The 144 photographs will form a touring exhibition which will be shown throughout the borough in the run up to and during the Games.

As one of the Olympic Boroughs, Waltham Forest Council was keen to embrace this project, and commissioned Image17 to carry out the work.

For more information phone Nicola Tree on 07962 059 441 or email nicola@treemail.org.

E17 Jazz

Wednesday 21 March, 8.30-11pm
Walthamstow Cricket Club, 48a Greenway Avenue, E17 3QN
Matt Ridley Quartet featuring Tomas Challenger and Alam Nathoo on Tenor Saxes, Matt Ridley on Bass and Nick Smalley on drums, Entry £5. For more information visit www.e17jazz.com/whatson.

Screen-printing workshop

Saturday 7 April, 10am-5pm
Inky Cuttlefish Studios, 5 Blackhorse Lane, E17 6DS
Learn how to create a three colour screenprint using UV exposure, paper templates and monoprinting. You will take home your own small edition of prints at the end of the day. All materials and light lunch with refreshments included £70.
For more information email anna@inky-cuttlefish.co.uk or phone 07753 686331.

Group singing course

Tuesdays, 7.30-8.30pm
Trinity Methodist Church, Leyton High Rd, E10 5PW
Come and learn to sing in a variety of styles from classical and gospel to rock, pop and urban. Regular 'Glee-like' showcases offered. The group is open to all. For more info phone Carole on 07748 730145 or email csrothoff@hotmail.com.

Screen17 Cinema Film Night

Third Thursday of each month; doors 7.45pm, film 8.30pm
Orford House, E17 9QR
£8/£6 (concession), buy three for two, five for £25. Over 18s only due to bar. For more information visit www.screen17.co.uk

Witch Hunt Exhibition

Wednesdays to Sundays until 25 March, 10am-5pm
Vestry House Museum, Vestry Road, Walthamstow
A new exhibition comes to Vestry House Museum exploring the East Anglian witch-hunt of 1645-47. For more information visit www.facebook.com/events/284768744908263.

Tell us what's on
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Children and young people

The Soul Project Youth Space Around the World event

Saturday 24 March 12pm to 4pm
The Soul Project/ Tumble in the Jungle, 245 Wood Street, Walthamstow, London, E17 3NT
We are having a special event to celebrate the Olympics coming to London. The day will consist of workshops, games, competitions, prizes and performances. There are also special guests: Nisha Nayar (star of Tracy Beaker), Jonny Freeman (star of M.I. High) and Chris and Wes (winners of Series 2 Got to Dance). There'll be lots of fun things to get involved with. So if you're aged between 8 and 14 years old and want to learn about the great range of activities and clubs in Waltham Forest, then come on down. It's completely free!!!

For more information phone 0870 626 0712, e-mail kimble@thesoulproject.com or visit www.tumbleinthejungle.co.uk.

Young Champions Lloyd Park

First and third Wednesday of the month, 5.30-7.30pm.
Lloyd Park, off Forest Road, E17
Starting April 2012. For 16-24 year-olds who want skills and experience for their CV. Or who want to share their passion and inspire others. Plus get confidence and new friends. Young Champions develop their own exciting projects and activities for other young people. Sports, film, arts, music, performance, environmental, media activities and more. **For more information email ellie.mortimer@walthamforest.gov.uk or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/lloydavelingpark**

E17 Junior Guitar Club

Saturdays; 10am, 11am and 12noon.
Hornbeam Centre, 458 Hoe Street Walthamstow E17 9AH
Guitar playing fun for children of all abilities. Three different sessions depending on level. We perform regularly. Pay £7 (£5 beginners) for a taster session, then £42 (£30 beginners) for a half-term of six

lessons. Phone Christian Karlsson on 07958 471083, email chris@stunningmusic.com or visit www.stunningmusic.com

Pro Star Football Academy

Saturdays, 10-11am
Wednesdays, 5-6pm
Goals Soccer Centre, 3 Morrisons Avenue, E4 8SN
Football session for children aged 3 to 5. £5 each session
For more info phone 07539 009722 or email prostarfootballacademy@live.co.uk



Kidz Klub Chingford

Sundays during term time, 4-5pm
Sewardstone Church, Sewardstone Road E4 7PA
Free club run by police checked volunteers from local churches. Children play games, sing songs, win sweets and prizes, and learn about God. Free bus pick up from 7 different bus stops. **Phone Nick**

Gibbs on 07973 462741, email kidzklubchingford@gmail.com, visit www.kidzklubchingford.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

Peacock Tales

Saturday 31 March, 12-3pm
Leyton Library
Listen to stories about peacocks from different cultures around the world and make a feathered mask. Free for families of all ages, all materials supplied.

Screen17 Cinema Junior Film Club

First and third Saturday of each month; doors 10.30am, craft until 11.00am, film 11.00am
Orford House, E17 9QR
£5.50 per child including craft (under 2s free). £4 accompanying adult.
For more information visit www.screen17.co.uk

Children and Young People's Directory

Compiled by the Council's Family Information Service (FIS), the directory gives free, impartial advice on childcare, general information on a wide range of services for children, young people and families and lists leisure and recreation activities of all kinds. **For more information visit http://csd.walthamforest.gov.uk**

Tell us what's on
Call 020 8496 3000

Community Ward Forums

Hoe Street

Monday 19 March, 7-8.30pm
St Stephen's C of E Church, 1a Copeland Road, E17 9DB
First joint meeting with Ward Panel. Hearing loop available.

Cann Hall and Cathall joint meeting

Tuesday 20 March, 7.30-9.30pm
Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, E15 2BS

Leytonstone

Wednesday 21 March, 7-9pm
St John's Church Hall, 825 High Road Leytonstone, E11 1HH

For more information on Community Ward Forums visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-ward-forums

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Council Meetings

ATuesday 20 March
Cabinet, 5.30pm

Wednesday 21 March

Community Safety Sub Committee

Thursday 22 March
Audit and Governance Committee

Tuesday 27 March

Health, Adults and Older Persons
Scrutiny Committee
Planning Committee

Wednesday 28 March

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

All meetings are held at Waltham Forest Town Hall and start at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise.

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From Monday 2 April you will be able to recycle your food and garden waste weekly.

As part of the drive to improve your recycling service, from **Monday 2 April** until **Friday 28 September** your brown bin for food and garden waste will be collected weekly. *

Collection will remain on your current day but will take place each week.

Look out for an information leaflet coming through your door soon.

For more information contact Waltham Forest Direct on **020 8496 3000** or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling. To find out which day your food and garden waste is collected visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/myplace. Your collection day can be found by looking under green garden waste.

* The food and garden waste recycling service is only available to street properties in Waltham Forest.



You can recycle these items in your brown bin



fruit,
vegetables
and peelings



cake and
bread



tea bags
and coffee
granules



pasta
and rice



meat
and fish



garden
waste



Waltham Forest

Chingford



Attendees dancing up a storm at a previous Freddy Boy rock n' roll night

Rock and roll stars

- 'Freddy Boy' rock and roll night brings 1950s and 60s music to Chingford
- Music fans of all ages encouraged to come along and have a good time

Rock and roll is alive and well in Chingford, and one local man is doing all he can to introduce a bit of 1950s and 60s nostalgia to local people.

After years of performing in rock and roll bands, Chingford man Freddy 'Freddy Boy' Humphreys has held dozens of successful rock themed nights across the borough.

Freddy told Waltham Forest News: "I'm an old rocker and was in a lot of bands in the 1960s. Eventually I gave up performing but I still loved rock and roll so decided to start promoting music nights."

"Around 12 years ago I started holding my own rock and roll nights in Waltham Forest and they've just kept getting bigger and better."

Freddy's rock and roll nights have included live performances from veterans of the rock and roll scene including Buddy Holly's original backing band The Crickets and rock pioneer Charlie Gracie.

And it's not just old rockers that are drawn to the nights, with plenty of younger fans

coming along to get their fix of quality 50s and 60s music.

"The nights at Chingford Assembly Hall are always popular, said Freddy.

"We often get over 250 people coming along and there's a good mix of ages. I think the nights are so successful because rock and roll appeals to so many different people. We have music fans aged 19 to 90 coming down and enjoying themselves. It's always a good, friendly night where you can come and have a dance and meet other people.

And the fun doesn't stop at listening to the music, with lots of people taking the chance to dress up and show off their moves.

Freddy said: "Lots of people push the boat out and get dressed up for the evening. We get lots of Teddy Boys and Teddy Girls coming along and also some really good jive dancers showing everyone how it's done."

The next Freddy Boy rock and roll night will take place at Chingford Assembly Hall (Station Road, Chingford,

E4 7EN) on Friday 20 April. Tickets cost £15.

As well as a DJ, the night will feature two live acts celebrating the life and music of Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley. Musician Marc Robinson, from the West End show 'Buddy', will play with his backing band The Counterfeit Crickets and Steve Halliday, a top Elvis tribute artist, will perform hits by 'The King'.

Some proceeds from the evening will go to The Margaret Centre at Whipps Cross Hospital, which gives palliative care for people with life limiting illnesses. So why not dig out your drape jacket, drainpipe trousers and crepe-soled shoes and go along for an evening of rocking good fun.

More info

To buy tickets phone Freddy on **07930 544312**, Andy on **07930 620012** or send a cheque and stamped addressed envelope to F Humphreys, 35 Homebush House, 142 Kings Head Hill, Chingford, E4 7PW.

In brief



Social tea dance

Get ready to dust off those dancing shoes and limber up for some Latin moves as a new social tea dance comes to Chingford on Thursday 29 March. The dance takes place at St Anne's Church Hall (200a Larkshall Road, Chingford E4 6NP) from 1.30 to 4pm. Twinkle-toed residents can expect ballroom, Latin and sequence dances. Entrance costs just £3 on the door, including refreshments and doors open at 1.15pm. And don't worry if you can't make it on 29 March, as dances will also take place on Thursday 26 April and Thursday 24 May.

• For more information phone William on 01279 652950, Jackie on 07811 223373 or visit www.dances4dancers.co.uk.

Appointment of an Independent Person for the London Borough of Waltham Forest

Can you help the Council maintain and promote high standards of conduct?

From July 2012, the Council must appoint one or more independent persons to help it maintain and promote high standards of conduct amongst its councillors. This important new role will involve being consulted when the Council is making decisions about councillors' conduct and by councillors who are the subject of allegations.

We are inviting applications in writing from people who consider they have the necessary skills for this office. Applicants should be able to demonstrate some or all of the following qualities:

- To act independently and to give advice based on evidence and not political or other motivations;
- To understand complex issues quickly
- If required, to attend and participate in committee meetings;
- To be available at short notice to provide advice on allegations against councillors both to the Council and individual councillors;
- To be able to maintain confidentiality;
- Be committed to the public service principles of accountability, honesty, openness and equality of opportunity
- An understanding of local government or the public sector is desirable but not essential.

To maintain the independence of this role, the Government have determined that certain categories of people cannot be appointed. These include:

- Current councillors, co-opted members or Council employees or their relatives or close friends
- Those who have previously been councillors, co-opted members or Council employees in the past five years.

The role is supported and advised by the Council's Head of Legal and Democratic Services. Support and suitable training will be provided to the selected applicant and an allowance of £684 p.a. and expenses will be paid for undertaking the role.

You do not need to be a borough resident but the role is likely to involve local issues and so an understanding of and interest in how Waltham Forest is governed is desirable.

The closing date for applications is Monday 2nd April 2012; interviews of shortlisted candidates will be held during the week commencing 23rd April.

An information pack and application form for the role can be downloaded from the Council's website at:

<http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/index/council/about/ethical-framework-standards.htm>

For an informal discussion on the role please contact:

Daniel Fenwick, Head of Legal & Democratic Services on 020 8496 4295

Young People

In brief

Chingford hockey success

Hockey took centre stage on Wednesday 29 February at the fifth annual Waltham Forest Mini Games, featuring ten schools and 12 teams competing for the right to represent the borough at the London Youth Games on 29 March.

The final saw Chingford C of E Junior School and Greenleaf Primary School pitched against one another. Chingford broke the deadlock from a free hit and nicked a second when Greenleaf pushed players forward in search of an equaliser in the second half.

Chingford will now undertake four training sessions with Waltham Forest Hockey Club before moving on to Crystal Palace to do battle with the rest of London.

• For more information about the London Youth Games visit www.londonyouthgames.org.



Young London Leaders

Young people from Burnside Secondary and The Hawkswood School took part in a Weather Roadshow on Thursday 1 March as part of the 'Young London Leaders' project.

'Young London Leaders' is a project run by the National Children's Bureau, which aims to harness the energy of young people to build sustainable communities across London.

The Weather Roadshow helped pupils examine different aspects of climate, weather and the atmosphere giving them the chance to be a weather presenter and create a mock weather forecast using blue screen technology. They also got the opportunity to create clouds and tornados in plastic bottles and use infrared thermometers to measure the temperature of clouds.

• For more information phone 020 7843 6045, email media@ncb.org.uk or visit www.ncb.org.uk.

Rollapaluza!

Walthamstow Assembly Hall will be the venue for a very special cycle racing event on Thursday 26 April.

Rollapaluza is a unique cycle sport in which two participants battle it out on a pair of custom-built static bikes connected to a huge dial. With split-second-digital timing, the racers are put through a simulated 500m distance at speeds in excess of 50mph accompanied by music, MC and cheering crowds.

If you're interested in trying your hand at this new sport feel free to attend between 12 noon and 2pm for a free session. All participants will receive a personal record of their performance.

• Further information can be found on the Rollapaluza website at www.rollapaluza.com. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



Pupils and teachers at Lammas School show off their award for inclusivity

Lammas School wins national award

- Leyton school described by judges as "a beacon of best practice"
- Recognition for work to promote inclusivity and forge shared values

Lammas School and Sports College in Leyton is celebrating being named the winner of this year's Accord Coalition Inclusivity Award. The award is open to schools nationwide and looks to celebrate inclusiveness, the growth of mutual understanding and schools that forge links within and between different communities.

Being inclusive means that the school recognises and celebrates different cultures, religions, genders and more to benefit all of its students.

Lammas has made inclusivity part and parcel of the culture of the school, but still it takes pupils, teachers and staff to embrace that ethos and really make a practical difference.

The panel of judges

praised Lammas School for its use of inclusive assemblies to forge shared values; its sensitivity towards the diverse backgrounds of

monitoring the school's inclusivity and cohesion work are the sort of practical measures that have helped achieve this recognition.

"By creating an environment where all pupils feel comfortable and supported, we can help the young people at our school achieve great things."

it pupils, who speak over fifty languages; and its ability to adapt to the changing cultural and religious profile of its student body.

The implementation of a cashless system in the school canteen to tackle an observed stigma of pupils in receipt of free school meals, and appointing a school governor specifically tasked with supporting and

Headteacher Shona Ramsay said, "This is great news and a real endorsement of what we are doing at the school. We have a very diverse intake and promoting mutual understanding among our pupils is therefore very important to us."

The news comes off the back of last year's exam results, which were the best in the school's ten year

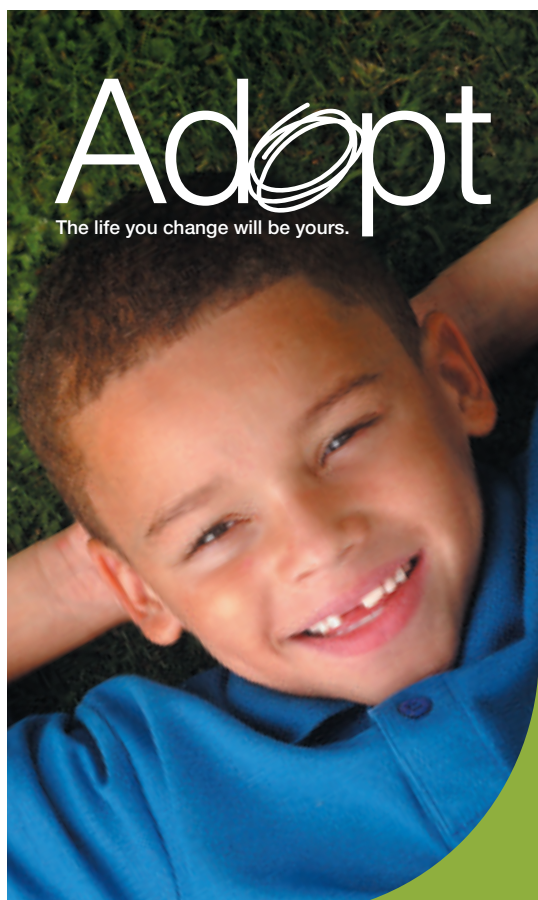
history, with 87% of students achieving 5 or more A*- C grades.

"We believe there is a real link between inclusivity and achievement," said Ms Ramsay. "A shining example of this is Anastasia Baklanova who arrived in the country in October 2006 speaking no English, but left the school in the summer with 11 GCSEs including 1 A*, 1 A and 3 Bs.

"By creating an environment where all pupils feel comfortable and supported, we can help the young people at our school achieve great things."

More info

For more information about the Accord Coalition Inclusivity Award go to www.accordcoalition.org.uk



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visit: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adoptandfoster

To find out more:
Meet us at our Open Evening
Tuesday 27 March

Waltham Forest Town Hall (Room 2)
Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4JF
(6:30pm-8:30pm)

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or to speak to the
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In brief

Licensed premises consultation

The Council is consulting over plans to deal with the issue of too many licensed premises leading to problems with crime, disorder and public nuisance. Leytonstone Town Centre and the High Street/Hoe Street area of Walthamstow are both being targeted with a view to introducing what is known as a Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP) within the Council's licensing policy. It would mean that if an application is made for a licensed premises in these two areas, as long as there is some objection made, then it is likely the Council will refuse the application.

• To have your say write to Licensing Service, Sycamore House, Town Hall, Forest Road, London, E17 4SU or email licensing@walthamforest.gov.uk. Comments must be made no later than 26 March.



Police volunteers

Waltham Forest Police are calling on community-spirited volunteers of any ability or background to step up to the plate and lend a hand in making the borough a better place. The Met Volunteer Programme (MVP) aims to get local communities more involved with policing, helping residents gain skills and experience while providing invaluable support to frontline and civilian staff. You might find yourself on the front counter speaking to members of the public, helping out with admin, lending a hand in the press office or chipping in with training duties, but whatever your role you'll be adding an excellent set of skills to your CV and making your community proud as you do so.

• For more information contact Gill Dunn on 07775 704691 or JC.MVP@met.police.uk Free internet access is available in all of our libraries.

Crimestoppers reminder

While the Council is doing what it can to tackle gang crime and crack down on anti-social behaviour, we would also like to remind residents that Crimestoppers represents a valuable resource in helping beat crime. Last year the charity's efforts resulted in some 8,264 charges, the seizure of more than £25million worth of drugs and the recovery of more than £3million worth of stolen goods. Information can be given anonymously either online or by phone and, as well as doing your bit to help make Waltham Forest a safer place to live, there's also the chance that you could receive a reward of up to £1,000 if your information leads to someone being arrested and charged.

• To contact Crimestoppers anonymously visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org or call 0800 555 111.



Clamping down on street drinking is just one way that the Council is tackling anti-social behaviour

Clamping down on anti-social behaviour

- New measures in place to tackle anti-social behaviour borough-wide
- New staff and a more tactical approach to offer a 'rapid response' to the issues that concern you most

As part of last month's budget the Council agreed to invest an extra £200,000 in tackling another key concern for residents: anti-social behaviour in public places.

The aim is to create a flexible, 'rapid response' service that can respond quickly to issues as and when they arise, cracking down on any form of anti-social behaviour (ASB) be it street drinking, illegal trading, aggressive begging or general inconsiderate rowdiness.

The extra funding will go towards bolstering the Council's existing work, paying for a dedicated ASB officer to focus on both new and existing problems. They will work with other Council teams and police partners

to ensure the resources go where they need to go in order to tackle problem issues. The ASB officer will also attend court on behalf of the Council, seeking to obtain ASBOs for local people or, in the case of those who come from other boroughs to cause trouble, ban individuals from Waltham Forest altogether.

Another new role will also be created to help with this work: a part-time outreach worker with Russian language skills. This is because Russian is commonly understood by Eastern Europeans, a small number of whom are responsible for certain types of ASB. The outreach worker will help individuals understand why they are

being targeted; explain any legal obligations and offer practical solutions such as substance abuse counselling or repatriation.

The project will be strengthened yet further by making more tactical use of all the powers available to the Council, such as dispersal zones and designated public place orders. It is hoped that the new project will be up and running by April.

The actions of a troublesome minority can put us off going to certain areas or detract from our enjoyment of where we live. In the past it was people selling bootleg DVDs or tricksters setting up illegal gambling stalls, and while the Council has clamped

down on those activities we're now getting more and more complaints concerning street drinkers or groups whose behaviour might not be criminal but is clearly anti-social and off-putting to residents and visitors alike.

This new project gives the Council more power and more flexibility to tackle the issues that irritate residents the most and ultimately make Waltham Forest a better place in which to live, work or study.

More info

To find out more about what the Council is doing to combat anti-social behaviour visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/ash Free internet access is available in all of our libraries.

Olympic Delivery Authority

Olympic Delivery Authority Olympic Route Network

Note: This Notice relates to the proposed introduction of traffic management measures on the A12 and A406 between a point 20 metres south west of the London Overground railway bridge over the A12 and the junction of the A406 with the off slip to the M11. It is anticipated that the measures will only be operational for a period of approximately 10 weeks whilst the Order is in force. The measures will become effective and be removed as close as operationally possible, to the start and end of the Olympic Games and of the Paralympic Games.

Olympic Delivery Authority (No T31) Traffic Order 2012

1. The Olympic Delivery Authority, with the consent of the Secretary of State for Transport, hereby gives notice that on 8th March 2012 it made the above named Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 14(1) of the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006, under Section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (therein after referred to as the Acts). The Order will come into force on 29th June 2012.

2. The general affect of the Order on the A12 and A406 Roads will be to prohibit some vehicle movement at the following junctions:-

- A12 / A114 Whipps Cross Road
- A12 Eastern Avenue / Redbridge Lane East

3. The Order is necessary to introduce traffic management measures on the Olympic Route Network (ORN) to implement the Olympic Transport Plan and to facilitate transport services in connection with the London Olympics

4. A copy of the Order, including drawings showing the location and effect of the Order can be viewed on the Transport for London (TfL) website at www.tfl.gov.uk/orn or inspected during normal office hours at the offices of :-

- Transport for London
Palestra, 197 Blackfriars Road
London, SE1 8NJ.
To make an appointment please email
orntrafficorders@london2012.com or telephone
07825980394
- London Borough of Redbridge
Engineering and Building Services
9th. Floor Front, Lynton House
255-259 High Road, Ilford, IG1 1NY
- London Borough of Waltham Forest
Low Hall Depot, Argall Avenue, Leyton, E10 7AS

The documents will be available for inspection for six weeks from the date on which the Order was made.

5. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that they are not within the relevant powers conferred by the Acts or that any requirement of the Acts have not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order is made, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

6. This Notice has previously been published in the Waltham Forest Guardian on 8th March 2012.

Dated this 8th day of March 2012

Hugh Sumner
Director of Transport

Planning

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004 THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2008 NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF A DEVELOPMENT

PLAN DOCUMENT. WALTHAM FOREST LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) CORE STRATEGY

In accordance with Regulation 24(2) and Regulation 36 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, notice is hereby given that Waltham Forest Council adopted the LDF Core Strategy as a Development Plan Document on 1 March 2012. The Core Strategy is the principal document of the Local Development Framework and sets out the long term spatial vision and strategy for delivering and managing growth in Waltham Forest over the next 15 years.

Mr Paul Clark MA, MRTPI MCMI, an independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government considered the Core Strategy at an Examination in Public held on 26 September 2011 and 3 October 2011. The Inspector's Report, with its recommendations was received by the Council on 1 December 2011 and is published the Council's website. The adopted Core Strategy contains the Inspector's recommendations that are binding on the Council.

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Core Strategy may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that the document is not within the appropriate powers and/or a procedural requirement has not been complied with. Any such application must be made no later than the end of the six week period from the date of this notice.

Inspection of documents

Copies of the adopted Core Strategy and associated documents, including the

Inspector's Report, Adoption Statement and Sustainability Appraisal are available for inspection at:

- all Waltham Forest Libraries, Waltham Forest Direct Shops (during normal opening hours),
- Sycamore House (Reception), Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex, London E17 4JF

Alternatively, documents can be viewed online from the Council's website: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/ldf

For further information contact:

Planning Policy Team, Sycamore House, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, London, E17 4JF

Email: planning.policy@walthamforest.gov.uk

Tel. 020 8496 3000

Dated this day 19 March 2012

Gordon Glenday

Head of Planning Policy & Regeneration

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 - NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

APPL.NO 2012/0333

APPLICANT Mr Pat Keefe

ADDRESS 823 Lea Bridge Road
Walthamstow, London E17 9DS

PROPOSAL Erection of five storey building to provide 11 flats (6 x 1 bed, 5 x 2 bed) with parking at ground floor.

APPL.NO 2012/0259

APPLICANT The Apollo Group

ADDRESS Bakers Almshouses, Lea Bridge Road, Leyton,
London E10 7EF

PROPOSAL Retention of Chain Link fencing

APPL.NO 2012/0261

APPLICANT Mr L. Snellin

ADDRESS 32 Browning Road, Leytonstone,
London E11 3AR

PROPOSAL Removal of existing boundary fencing and replacement with timber posts and gravel boards and vertical close board fencing.

APPL.NO 2012/0290

APPLICANT Mr Tony Matthews

ADDRESS 70 – 74 Wood Street, Walthamstow,
London E17 3HT

PROPOSAL Mixed use redevelopment comprising three buildings (2- 4 storeys) forming 14 residential units (9x1 bed, 3x2 bed & 2x3 Bed) and two retail shops.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management,

Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. -

5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the

Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

Dated this day 19 March 2012

David Scourfield – Head of Development
Management On Behalf of London Borough
of Waltham Forest

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 - SECTION 67

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application affecting a Listed Building has been made to the Council.

APPL.NO 2012/0265/LB

APPLICANT The Apollo Group

ADDRESS Bakers Almshouses, Lea Bridge Road, Leyton
London E10 7EF

PROPOSAL Listed building application for a retention of Chain Link fencing.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management,

Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. -

5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to

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Dated this day 19 March 2012

David Scourfield – Head of Development
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of Waltham Forest

Licensing

LICENSING ACT 2003: APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that London Borough of Waltham Forest has applied to the London Borough of Waltham Forest for the grant of a Premises Licence at Waltham Forest Town Hall Grounds, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 4JF. The nature of the application is as follows:

To permit films, live music, recorded music, and performances of dance from 09:00 – 23:00 seven days per week.

The Licensing register listing full details of the application is kept by the Licensing Service, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4SU. The application may be viewed Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am – 5pm (except Bank Holidays).

Any person wishing to make a representation in respect of the above activities may do so in writing to the Licensing Service, Sycamore House, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, London E17 4SU.

Representations must be received no later than 6 April 2012. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.

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www.walthamforestclass.gov.uk

Sunday, March 25th

An opportunity to get information and enrol on level 2 qualification in Curtain making, Interior Design, Jewellery Making and Art. Courses end in March 2013.

10am – 4pm at Queens Road Learning Centre, 97 Queens Road E17 8QR

Tel: 020 8496 2974

Tuesday, March 27th

10am – 4pm and 6pm – 8pm at Queens Road Learning Centre, 97 Queens Road E17 8QR

Tel: 020 8496 2974

Wednesday, March 28th

10am – 4pm and 6pm – 8pm at Leytonstone Learning Link, 23-25 North Birkbeck Road, Leytonstone E11 4JF

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Visit our website at **www.walthamforestclass.gov.uk** or call **020 8988 0555**